

# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 3

Statistical Data Report for February 2007

Released April 2007



The Fort Wayne MSA includes three counties; Allen, Wells, and Whitley Counties. The Economic Growth Region 3 includes; Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Grant, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley Counties.

February 2007 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted) State Release Date: 04/09/07 Monthly Unemployment Rate Percentages			
	02/07	01/07	02/06
U.S.	4.9	5.0	5.1
INDIANA	5.3	5.8	5.8
FORT WAYNE MSA	5.2	5.6	6.1
EGR 3	5.6	6.2	6.4
<u>COUNTY:</u>			
Adams	4.9	4.9	5.2
Allen	5.2	5.6	6.1
DeKalb	6.3	7.2	7.0
Grant	7.0	7.7	7.8
Huntington	5.6	6.2	6.9
LaGrange	5.3	7.0	5.4
Noble	6.1	7.4	6.9
Steuben	7.5	8.1	7.3
Wabash	5.4	6.2	6.4
Wells	5.0	5.4	6.1
Whitley	5.2	5.7	6.0
<u>CITY:</u>			
Angola	5.9	6.2	6.2
Auburn	6.1	7.2	7.0
Bluffton	5.1	5.9	5.8
Columbia City	5.6	6.3	6.6
Decatur	6.5	6.5	6.9
Fort Wayne	5.5	5.9	6.3
Huntington	6.2	6.9	6.8
Indianapolis(Cons)	4.8	5.1	5.4
Kendallville	6.7	8.1	7.3
Marion	7.7	8.5	8.8
Wabash City	6.5	8.0	7.2
<u>OTHER MSA'S</u>			
Indianapolis	4.5	4.8	5.0
Gary	5.9	6.3	6.2
Evansville	5.3	5.5	5.4

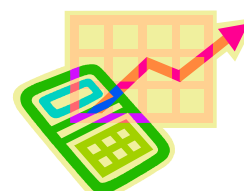
The LAUS (local area unemployment statistics) program will no longer revise the prior month's state labor force estimates each month. Estimates will be subject to revision at the beginning of the following calendar year.

## UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

<u>RANK - February 2007</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
1	Crawford(8.8%)
6	Steuben
11	Grant
23	DeKalb
36	Noble
46	Huntington
54	Wabash
57	LaGrange
59	Allen
62	Whitley
68	Wells
69	Adams
92	Hamilton (3.3%)

## SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT February 2007 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	5.3%
Kentucky	6.6 %
Michigan	7.2%
Ohio	5.7%



## ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

[http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps\\_htgm.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_htgm.htm)

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

<http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/empst.pdf>

## REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were generally little changed in February. Overall, 24 states and the District of Columbia registered over the month unemployment rate decreases, 16 states recorded increases, and 10 states had no change, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported. Over the year, jobless rates declined in 33 states and the District of Columbia, rose in 10 states, and were unchanged in 7 states.

The South again posted the lowest jobless rate among the regions, 4.2 percent in February, followed closely by the Northeast at 4.3 percent, and West at 4.4 percent. The rate in the West was a series low for that region. The Midwest continued to report the highest unemployment rate in February, 4.9 percent. No region recorded a statistically significant change in its jobless rate from January. Hawaii, Utah, and Wyoming recorded the lowest unemployment rates, 2.3 percent each. Mississippi and Michigan reported the highest jobless rates 6.7 and 6.6 percent, respectively.

# FORT WAYNE MSA



## WAGE AND SALARIED

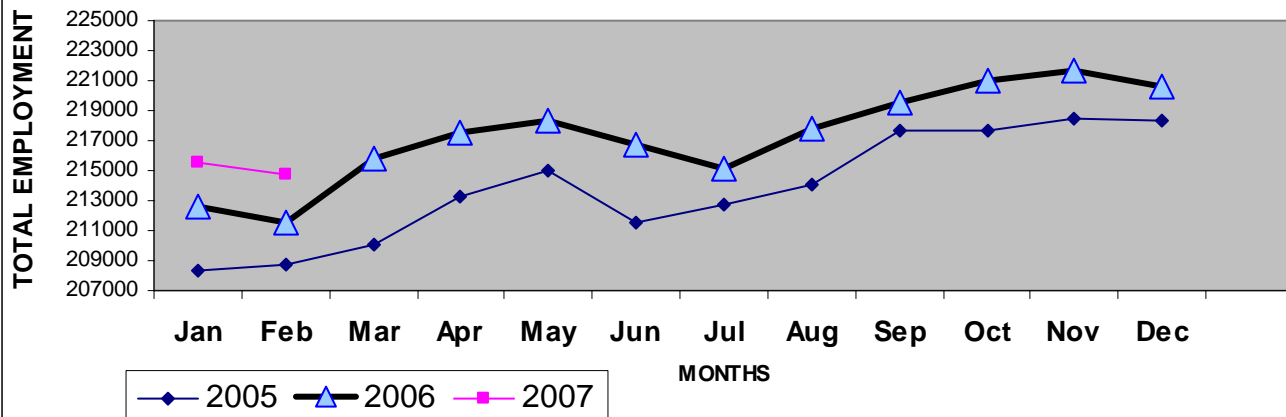
	Fort Wayne MSA			CHANGE FROM			
	FEBRUARY 2007	JANUARY 2007	FEBRUARY 2006	JAN. 2007 TO FEB. 2007		FEB. 2006 TO FEB. 2007	
Total Nonfarm	214,700	215,600	211,600	-900	-0.4%	+3,100	+1.5%
Total Private	192,800	194,100	189,500	-1,300	-0.7%	+3,300	+1.7%
Goods Producing	48,000	48,700	46,400	-700	-1.4%	+1,600	+3.4%
Service-Providing	166,700	166,900	165,200	-200	-0.1%	+1,500	+0.9%
Private Srvc Provide	144,800	145,400	143,100	-600	-0.4%	+1,700	+1.2%
Mining & Construction	10,300	10,700	10,200	-400	-3.7%	+100	+1.0%
Manufacturing	37,700	38,000	36,200	-300	-0.8%	+1,500	+4.1%
Durable Goods	28,700	29,000	27,200	-300	-1.0%	+1,500	+5.5%
Computer and Electronic	4,600	4,600	4,500	+0	+0.0%	+100	+2.2%
Transportation Equipment	6,200	6,200	4,600	+0	+0.0%	+1,600	+34.8%
Trade, Transportation, Utilities	46,900	47,500	45,800	-600	-1.3%	+1,100	+2.4%
Wholesale Trade	13,100	13,100	12,800	+0	+0.0%	+300	+2.3%
Retail Trade	22,900	23,300	22,300	-400	-1.7%	+600	+2.7%
Trans, Warehouse, Utilities	10,900	11,100	10,700	-200	-1.8%	+200	+1.9%
Information	3,600	3,600	3,600	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	12,000	11,900	12,100	+100	+0.8%	-100	-0.8%
Professional and Business	20,800	20,600	20,300	+200	+1.0%	+500	+2.5%
Educational and Health	35,300	35,300	34,900	+0	+0.0%	+400	+1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	18,300	18,600	18,400	-300	-1.6%	-100	-0.5%
Food Services and Drink	15,800	15,900	15,800	-100	-0.6%	+0	+0.0%
Other Services	7,900	7,900	8,000	+0	+0.0%	-100	-1.3%
Government	21,900	21,500	22,100	+400	+1.9%	-200	-0.9%
Federal Government	2,300	2,300	2,300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
State Government	3,500	3,400	3,600	+100	+2.9%	-100	-2.8%
Local Government	16,100	15,800	16,200	+300	+1.9%	-100	-0.6%
Local Govt Education	9,500	9,200	9,700	+300	+3.3%	-200	-2.1%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics.

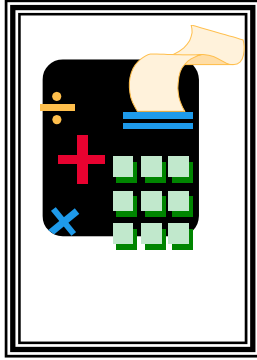
## HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION OR NON-SUPERVISORY WORKERS BY INDUSTRY FT. WAYNE MSA

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEB 2007	JAN 2007	FEB 2006	FEB 2007	JAN 2007	FEB 2006	FEB 2007	JAN 2007	FEB 2006
Manufacturing	\$703.64	\$711.76	\$748.12	40.3	41.0	42.1	\$17.46	\$17.36	\$17.77
Retail Trade	\$330.14	\$313.88	\$316.93	30.4	29.5	29.4	\$10.86	\$10.64	\$10.78

## FT WAYNE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS



## TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY LOCAL OFFICE

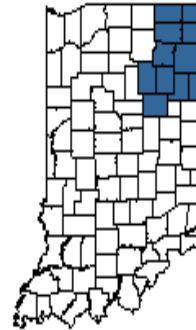


LOCAL OFFICE	Annual 2006	Annual 2005	Year Ago % Change
Anderson	98,085	89,047	10.1%
Auburn	132,846	125,792	5.6%
Connersville	32,995	32,803	0.6%
Fort Wayne	218,889	208,668	4.9%
Marion	72,998	77,750	-6.1%
Muncie	125,606	138,478	-9.3%
Richmond	43,050	45,725	-5.9%
INDIANA	3,234,630	3,232,282	0.1%

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, UI Statics

### APPLICANT POOL

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date April 16, 2007



### ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 3 EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER 2006

Job Title	Number of Applicants
Assemblers (Factory Work)	6,690
Production Laborers	5,499
All Other Machine Operators	3,776
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	3,479
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,757
All Other Hand Workers	2,472
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	1,991
Stock Clerks: Stockroom/Warehouse	1,864
General Office Clerks	1,842
Cashiers, General	1,773
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,559
All Other Metal & Plastic Machine Operators	1,491
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,374
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,374
All Other Machine Setters & Set-up Operators	1,336
Order Fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,325
Production Helpers	1,309
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,296
Machine Assemblers	1,290
Other Hand Material Mover	1,275

AREA (03/2007)	Average Quarterly Employment	Average Weekly Wage	
		All Industries	Manufacturing
<b>EGR 3</b>	<b>336,340</b>	<b>\$639</b>	<b>\$854</b>
Adams	14,170	\$572	\$747
Allen	179,540	\$677	\$949
DeKalb	20,560	\$713	\$934
Grant	25,190	\$609	\$1,134
Huntington	15,010	\$570	\$735
LaGrange	12,580	\$601	\$772
Noble	19,070	\$578	\$698
Steuben	14,530	\$524	\$672
Wabash	13,430	\$575	\$768
Wells	10,750	\$566	\$775
Whitley	11,500	\$577	\$734
Indiana	<b>2,852,640</b>	<b>\$682</b>	<b>\$930</b>

Source: Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

Wage Demand provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

As of 4/16/2007	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number of Applicants
Region 3	\$25,737	\$20,800	18,772
Indiana	\$27,174	\$20,800	141,796



# TOP 20 FREQUENTLY LISTED JOBS

Economic Growth Region 3

JANUARY – MARCH 2007

Customer Self Service System (CS3)

OCCUPATIONAL TITLES	MINIMUM WAGE	MAXIMUM WAGE	AVERAGE WAGE
Production Laborers	\$7.50	\$15.50	\$10.80
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	\$9.00	\$15.35	\$11.54
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	\$9.08	\$14.25	\$10.96
Stock Clerks : Stockroom/Warehouse	\$8.35	\$14.25	\$10.34
Tire Building Machine Operators	\$13.00	\$13.00	\$13.00
All Other Machine Operators	\$8.00	\$18.96	\$11.37
Assemblers (Factory Work)	\$6.25	\$14.63	\$9.69
Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	\$10.00	\$48.08	\$21.33
Rail-Track Maintenance Workers	\$18.27	\$18.27	\$18.27
Railroad Inspectors	\$18.27	\$18.27	\$18.27
Truck Drivers, Heavy	\$10.00	\$48.08	\$19.34
Railroad Conductors & Yardmasters	\$18.27	\$18.27	\$18.27
Production Inspectors, Testers, Graders	\$8.00	\$14.97	\$9.82
Customer Service Reps -Utilities	\$5.15	\$18.91	\$9.36
Machinists	\$9.00	\$21.00	\$15.70
Press & Press Brake Machine Setters	\$8.50	\$14.60	\$10.88
Machinery Maintenance Servicers	\$14.00	\$22.00	\$17.58
Coat, Paint, Spray Mach Operators	\$8.50	\$13.00	\$10.63
Millwrights And Machinery Erectors	\$15.35	\$23.00	\$18.21
Other Inspectors & Testers	\$8.00	\$17.31	\$9.59



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## Consumer Price Index



### 1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

### Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	-0.7	-0.7	0.3	0.1
2007	0.1	0.7										

### 12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

### Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3	2.8	0.6	0.1	1.3	1.7
2007	1.2	2.0										

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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